

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (previously presented) A lifting device comprising:
a top part and a bottom part,
a lifting linkage that connects the top part to the bottom part and has at least two sub-linkages connected to one another via a central articulation, and
a drive unit that is operable to adjust the height of the top part, and act on the central articulation.

2. (previously presented) The lifting device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least two sub-linkages have a scissors structure.

3. (previously presented) The lifting device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the drive unit is operable to move the central articulation in the vertical direction.

4. (previously presented) The lifting device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the drive unit has a spindle, which is fastened on the central articulation, and a motor.

5. (previously presented) The lifting device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the spindle is a trapezoidal spindle.

6. (previously presented) The lifting device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the motor is fastened on the bottom part.

7. (previously presented) The lifting device as claimed in claim 4, wherein the motor is fastened on the central articulation.

8-11. (cancelled)

12. (previously presented) The lifting device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the central articulation moves rectilinearly.

13. (previously presented) The lifting device as claimed in claim 1, wherein one of the at least two sub-linkages connected to the bottom part.

14. (previously presented) The lifting device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the one of the at least two sub-linkages comprises front feet fastened on the bottom part and rear scissor feet that are operable to slide over the bottom part when the height of the top part is adjusted.